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restricted funds. It would maintain the status quo as we've always done it, and I'd appreciate your support of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. There were several lights on prior to...if you don't wish to speak to this motion. Senator Redfield, your light was on next. Did you wish to speak?

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. Senator Landis talked about conservatives and I think that everyone here recognizes the fact that I have certainly been a very consistent conservative vote on the floor. Senator Wickersham talked about principle, and I've always voted on principle. But the reason I can vote on principle is because behind principle there are faces, and I see in my district and in yours across the state people who struggle, people who have to pay a phone bill, a utility bill and all kinds of other bills. And those folks, when they call into the telephone company and they say, how much will it cost me to get a telephone line, and they're quoted \$18.95 a month, and then they get their first bill and it's \$26.95 because of all the taxes that are on it, they don't understand that those taxes, some of them, are going to cities in occupation taxes. When they get other bills, they don't understand that some of those taxes are actually going to their city governments in occupation taxes. They're almost hidden taxes. Oh, yes, they're on the bill, but those people don't know who to go to or how to protest it. They feel helpless, they need a telephone, they need it for health reasons, they need it for safety reasons, but they don't know how to do anything to protest those high occupation taxes and other taxes on their telephone bill. They struggle and they have faces, and I'm looking at that and I'm saying that the principle here is that we're going to be honest and we're going to show them what government costs. There is nothing wrong about that. The current system says that the city government can tax up to their maximum level. And under Senator Bourne's amendment, they would be able to continue to tax up to their maximum level, but on top of that, they would be able to continue to add to the occupation taxes to bring in more unrestricted revenue to the cities. Now I think that the people